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District Support Team

Ms. Susan Martin, Project Leader Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office 11103 East Montgomery Drive Spokane, Washington 99206

Dear Ms. Martin:

Enclosed is the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers notification to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Corps' decision concerning implementation of the recommendations in the Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion regarding The Effects of Libby Dam Operations on the Kootenai River White Sturgeon Bull Trout and Kootenai Sturgeon Critical Habitat (1-9-01-F-0279R), dated February 18, 2006, pursuant to 50 CFR 402.15.

We appreciate the efforts of your staff in preparing this biological opinion. If you should have any questions, please contact David Ponganis at (503) 808-3828.

Sincerely,

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